

# Mpade language

**Mpadə** is an Afro-Asiatic language spoken in northern Cameroon and southwestern Chad. Dialects are Bodo, Digam, Mpade (Makari), Shoe (Shewe), and Woulki.<sup>[4]</sup>

The language is sometimes known as Makari, after one of the towns where it is spoken. Ngala further west (as described by Barth) once spoke a dialect similar to Makari, but it was moribund by the 1920s, the people having shifted to Kanuri.

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## Phonology

### Consonants

Mpade has the following consonants.<sup>[5]</sup>

Mpadə	
Native to	Cameroon, Chad
Region	Far North Province, Cameroon; west Chad
Native speakers	16,000 in Cameroon (2004) <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	Afro-Asiatic <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chadic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Biu–Mandara<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Kotoko (B.1)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>North<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Mpadə</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	mpi
Glottolog	mpad1242 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/mpad1242">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/mpad1242</a> ) Mpade <sup>[2]</sup> ngal1301 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/ngal1301">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/ngal1301</a> ) Ngala <sup>[3]</sup>

		<u>Labial</u>	<u>Coronal</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>		<u>Glottal</u>
					<u>Plain</u>	<u>Labialized</u>	
<u>Stops and affricates</u>	<u>Voiceless</u>	p	t	tʃ	k	kʷ	
	<u>Voiced</u>	b	d	dʒ	g	gʷ	
	<u>Ejective</u>		ts'	tʃ'	k'	kʷ'	
	<u>Implosive</u>	ɓ	ɗ				
	<u>Prenasalized</u>	mb	nd		ŋg		
<u>Fricatives</u>	<u>Voiceless</u>	f	s	ʃ			h
	<u>Voiced</u>		z				
<u>Nasals</u>		m	n				
<u>Lateral</u>			l				
<u>Trill</u>			r				
<u>Semivowels</u>				j		w	

## Vowels

Mpade has the following vowels.<sup>[5]</sup>

	front	back unrounded	back rounded
High	i	ɨ	u
Non-High	e	a	o

## Notes

1. Mpadə (<https://www.ethnologue.com/18/language/mpi/>) at *Ethnologue* (18th ed., 2015)
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